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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CAPITAL

STATE HOUSE READY FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Speculation as to Newberry* Postmastership—Other Matters of Interest to Newberrians.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—Sergeant at Arms Schumpert, of the senate, and Sergeant at Arms Wilson, of the house, have been getting their respective houses in order this week, preparatory to the convening of the general assembly on next Tuesday, and the upper floor of the capitol building has presented a busy scene.

The people at Newberry probably know more about what is going on in connection with Newberry affairs than do outsiders, but there have been many rumors down here as to the Newberry postmastership. These rumors may or may not be well founded, but already interest has been created as to the appointment of a successor to one of the Newberry county officials in case he should displace Postmaster Purcell. Of course, it is not known here that Postmaster Purcell will be displaced, but it takes mighty little to start a great deal of speculation when it comes to political offices. Postmaster Purcell has many friends who would like to see him hold on, and the others have friends who want to see them get in. And if there should be a change, and this change should create a vacancy in a county office, there would naturally be a scramble for the county office—for there are very few public offices which go begging for applicants. In fact, if there were as many offices as there are office-seekers, the great majority of the American people would be officers.

The appointment of postmasters by the new Democratic administration seems to be absorbing the attention of the people throughout the State. Interest is also rife in the other appointments for South Carolina—district attorney, marshal, etc. Nobody seems to be able to get any definite line on any definite program, and the whole thing seems to be "up in the air," so to speak.

The letter of Senator Tillman, carried by the News and Courier this morning, urging the legislature at its coming session to pass a law in regard to the primary created very mild interest here. The opinion has been freely expressed by a good many today, since reading Senator Tillman's letter, that it would be better to let such matters alone at the coming session, and to give the people a chance to get closer together, and to give the wounds inflicted by the last campaign a little chance to heal, before undertaking to change the present primary system, especially in view of the fact that there will be another session of the legislature before another primary. It would probably take very little to fan into flames the old embers from the fires of the bitter campaign from which South Carolina has only recently emerged, and peace for a little while is very much to be desired.

Governor Bleassee left here today for Newberry to attend a banquet to be given there tonight by Bergell tribe, No. 24, Improved Order of Red Men, of which the governor is a member. Governor Bleassee did not get a day off during the Christmas holidays, being busy with the regular work of his office, and with the extra work incidental to getting ready for the session of the legislature.

The governor has announced and authorized the statement that he will consider no more pardon petitions until the first of April, and will then refer such petitions as may be before him to the pardon board. Of course the recommendation of the pardon board in a case is purely advisory, the pardon power being at last, under the constitution, vested solely in the gov-

ON CABINET AND EXTRA SESSION

Governor Wilson Talks With Senators Gore and Smith.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 8.—President-elect Wilson sat for three hours in his office here today in conference with Senators Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma. Mr. Wilson declared tonight that besides talking over a number of cabinet possibilities he discussed with the senators a program for the extra session, including tariff and currency legislation.

Both senators departed with their lips sealed. From the governor alone, they said, could information be obtained. The president-elect spoke of his conference only in general terms, stating that no conclusions had been reached.

"We discussed, as do all my visitors," he said, "all the names for the cabinet I could think of, just to get their views."

The president-elect was questioned as to details of his conference, but said merely that he had discussed the whole ground of an extra session program. Reiterating that he had arrived at no specific conclusions, he added: "I am sincerely seeking to get the point of view of these men. I am not asking for conclusions, but merely want to talk things over with them."

The president-elect was asked, in view of the prominence of both Senators Gore and Smith in the proposed plans for a reorganization of senate committees and the abolishing of the seniority rules, whether that subject was discussed.

"I don't bring that matter up unless my callers do," he said. "Senator Smith simply said he thought they were in the way of a satisfactory solution in the senate of the difficulty. They make a point of not involving me in the matter."

Mr. Wilson indicated also during the day that he preferred not to interpose his influence in the reorganization of senate committees any more than he cared to in connection with the talked of abolition of the seniority rule in the house committees.

Tomorrow Senator O'Gorman, of New York, and Culberson, of Texas, will confer with Mr. Wilson.

Spartanburg Herald.

Uncle Sam's expert "taster," a man whose sense of taste is so keen that he can detect a drop of sherry wine in an egg flip, arrived in Spartanburg yesterday and visited all the soda fountains and drank egg flips to his heart's content. In all establishments where flips are served with sherry the "taster" required the proprietor to pay a revenue license of \$25, the regular amount the government charges for selling spirituous liquors.

The United States revenue department has a large number of men who go about the country visiting soda fountains for the purpose of ascertaining whether they flavor drinks of any kind with sherry wine and if any are detected the proprietors are required to take out a revenue license. Several local druggists yesterday were asked to come across.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Telegraph wires between New York and Chicago were prostrate today because of the sleet and wind storm last night. Conditions were reported the worst in years.

When the market opened only one Chicago broker had a wire, and he offered to help out other brokers so far as possible. The wire, however, went down, too.

Hundreds of poles went down in Toledo alone. Greatest damage is in Illinois and in Northern Indiana and Ohio.

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Caldwell & Haltiwanger opened up their establishment in Main street here today. Joe Hutchison, Miss Sena Riser, and others of the Newberry force, were in their accustomed places. The establishment is up-to-date in every particular, with a big line of new goods, and a fine business is being predicted for this enterprising firm. There is quite a large Newberry colony in Columbia.

LOSS PROBABLY OVER TWENTY-FIVE MILLION

CALIFORNIA CITRUS FRUIT MEN HARD HIT BY FREEZE.

Conservative Estimate Places Damage to Orange and Lemon Crops at 50 Per Cent. of Value.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—Twenty-five million dollars was the amount fixed today by consensus of opinion regarding the loss sustained by citrus fruit growers in the three days freeze ending this morning.

Earl G. Dezell, assistant general manager of the California Fruit Growers' exchange, said that accurate estimates of damage could not be made for several days, but \$25,000,000 is regarded as a conservative estimate. Other estimates run as high as \$40,000,000.

Oranges advanced 50 cents a box in the Los Angeles wholesale market today. This was a direct result of the freeze. Grapefruit went up 25 cents a box.

Temperatures around 30 degrees were expected in some sections of the citrus region again tonight, but the weather bureau assured growers that tomorrow morning would mark the end of the necessity for burning smudges in the groves.

With markedly higher temperatures prevailing "smudging" was successful last night in saving oranges and lemons that had been only "nipped" by the cold of the previous two days. According to citrus experts, fully half of the \$50,000,000 crop may be marketable.

Many groves were reported uninjured in San Bernardino county and growers saw a ray of hope in the fact that a sudden thaw did not materialize. On the basis of 50 per cent crop damage, the railroads stand to lose \$9,000,000 in reduced freight receipts.

According to a statement by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, which concluded today a careful inquiry into the damage to the citrus crops, the early estimates of loss were exaggerated.

"All expert opinions," the statement says, "are to the effect that the actual damage will not be known for at least two weeks. Later examinations may show that not more than 30 per cent. of the fruit had been materially injured."

A report from Pomona tonight says that the growers there are more optimistic than heretofore, and probably 50 per cent. of the crop may be saved.

An Involuntary Bridegroom.

On the old Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota they still laugh over the peculiar predicament into which a new Indian agent once got himself.

The agent, an unqualified "tenderfoot," was inspecting an Indian school. Noticing that as soon as he entered the room every girl present brought her hair forward over her face he asked the teacher to tell them to throw it back so that he might see their faces. But this they refused to do, until, after much urging, one girl did finally uncover her face.

After school was over the agent wondered at the strange actions of the girl who had shown him her face. She followed him to his house, entered after him and set about getting his dinner. As he spoke no Sioux and she no English he could get no explanation from her.

Finally, to his relief, the teacher rode up. Shaking with laughter, he asked the agent how he liked his new bride.

Then the latter understood what what he had done. In certain tribes of the Sioux Indian all a man need do in order to get a wife is to induce a girl to uncover her face. The agent had proposed in the usual way—and been accepted.

In vain did the agent plead that he already had a wife in the East; there was only one way to get out of it. It cost him the equivalent of fourteen ponies to persuade the Indian girl's father to take her back again.

BACHMAN CHAPEL.

Social and Personal News of Interest. Oyster Supper Wednesday Night.

Prosperity, Jan. 7.—We had the pleasure of attending services at Cannons Creek church on last Sunday afternoon and hearing Rev. W. W. McMorris, who was pastor of this church for so long a time. We were expecting to hear a good sermon, and were not disappointed. He has a great many friends through this section, of whom a great many were present last Sunday to hear him again.

Last Friday was classed as a windy day. No serious damage was done as we've heard of. Several houses were partly unroofed, which were covered with rubber or tin roofing.

Mr. L. I. Fellers is having a new barn built on his place near here, which is occupied by Mr. D. W. Buzhardt and family.

Mr. John T. Franklin and family moved from the "Werts place," now owned by Mr. Malcom L. Long, to near Mr. J. C. Neel's, and will work with Mr. Neel.

Mr. Nolan Long and family now occupy the house vacated by Mr. Franklin.

Mr. P. B. Banks, Jr., moved into the house vacated by Mr. D. W. Buzhardt and family.

Col. and Mrs. D. A. Ruff spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson visited at the home of Mr. S. A. Rikard, of Long Lane, last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Franklin spent a portion of last week in Saluda county, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Franklin, of near Batesburg and Leesville.

Mr. J. T. McCullough spent a portion of this week in Columbia with his son, Mr. T. E. McCullough, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kinard spent a portion of last week with Mrs. Kinard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Franklin, of Saluda county.

Mr. Herman Wilson has gone to Columbia to engage in work there. He is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Epps, 1120 Richland street.

Mrs. A. R. Boozer and children, of Newberry, and Miss Lucy Dominick, of near Colony, spent a portion of last week with relatives in this section.

Such a change in the weather since last Friday until it almost seems like from winter one day and summer the next. We've heard of several fine hogs being killed on last Saturday and this warm weather is tough on fresh pork. Though by the time this is printed we may not be thinking it so warm.

Though the night was dark and rainy yet quite a number of Woodmen and some of the wives of Woodmen, who lived near, assembled in the W. O. W. hall of Pomaria, Ash Grove camp, No. 104 on the last night in last year at about 6 o'clock to enjoy an "oyster supper," which didn't only consist of stewed oysters prepared by that experienced cook, Mr. Adam Aull, but of fish, chicken, dressing, pickles, coffee, etc., which everybody present enjoyed and no one should have gone away hungry.

These Times.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discussing the divorce evil in Philadelphia, said, with a smile:

"In these times one never, as the saying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his hand to me at the Historical Society the other day and cried:

"Congratulate me! I am the happiest man alive!"

"I looked at him doubtfully.

"Engaged, married or divorced?" I asked.

On the Face of It.

The detective had just congratulated the housewife for bringing about the arrest of a noted sneak thief.

"Oh, I knew he was a crook the minute he opened his mouth," she replied smilingly.

"Why, he told me the gas company had sent him to examine our meter and see if we were not entitled to a rebate," Philadelphia Record.

DEATH OF FATHLR CHARGED TO SON

ROBERT LAWSON CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Shooting Occurred in October on Streets of Clinton—Quarreled Over Bale of Cotton.

Laurens, Jan. 8.—Robert Lawson was convicted of manslaughter after the jury had deliberated for three hours tonight. Attorneys for Lawson immediately gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

Lawson is a young white farmer of the county who was charged with the murder last October of his father, W. Frank Lawson of Lanford.

The killing occurred on the streets of Clinton, the young man shooting his father to death in the Lawson brothers' wagon which was loaded with cotton. The killing grew out of a dispute over the possession of a bale of cotton.

Eleven witnesses testified for the State while 10 were introduced by the defense including defendant and his wife. Dr. J. D. Austin, who made the post mortem, said three wounds were found in body of the deceased, one just behind left ear and two in the left side. Eddie Lawson and Victor Lawson, brothers of the defendant, testified as to the beginning of the trouble over a bale of cotton which their father claimed.

Both assisted in loading the cotton over the protest of defendant. After the cotton was loaded on the wagon the defendant took charge of the team and drove to the gin. Victor and W. F. Lawson, the father, went along in a buggy. The cotton was carried to Clinton. Robert Lawson offered the cotton to a bank he owed. The deceased objected and jumped in the wagon and taking charge of the lines started to drive off, Robert Lawson standing immediately behind him in front part of wagon.

Presently the shooting took place and W. F. Lawson fell mortally wounded. One of the mules was shot at the time and has since died.

In his own behalf Robert Lawson claimed self-defense, swearing that he shot to save himself and protect his property. He expressed no sorrow for the deed. He swore that his father pushed him back against the cotton bale and drew his pistol and with an oath saying he was going to kill the defendant. Instantly the defendant drew and fired on his father. He took his father's pistol out of his hand, put it in his own pocket. The defendant testified that his father had been an unnatural parent toward him, treating him with cruelty for several years. Several members of the Lawson family were in court as was the father of Mrs. Robert Lawson. She is only 17 years of age. She made a good witness, but only knew of the trouble at the Lawson brothers' home on Enoree river on the morning of the day of the killing.

"A Deadly Weapon."

News and Courier.

Following a long list of automobile casualties in Chicago recently, Judge Gemmill reflected public indignation by fining a speeder who had injured a young girl the sum of \$1,000, on the ground that there had been an assault "with a deadly weapon." The judge declares that an automobile, when driven beyond the speed limit, is a deadly weapon. He declares that no driver can possibly be in doubt of the danger inherent in passing at high speed through crowded streets. Anything is a dangerous weapon if used in a dangerous way. A motor car traveling forty miles the hour through a city's streets, most men will agree, is a very dangerous weapon—a deadly weapon in fact.

The situation in this town is not so bad as it was. There is less racing on the streets than there used to be. There is nevertheless much room for improvement. Breaking the speed laws should be punished by an extremely heavy fine. To expect a pen-

THE BIRTH OF CLEMSON.

Dr. J. W. Daniel Declares He First Made Suggestion.

Walterboro, Jan. 8.—"I am responsible for Clemson college, and I am proud of it," was said by Dr. J. W. Daniel, presiding elder of the Charleston district, at a meeting of the board of stewards at the first quarterly conference, held Sunday night, at Bethel Methodist church.

To a newspaper man present this was rather a startling statement. Senator B. R. Tillman has been receiving credit for the achievement in this neck of the woods, and doubtless in every other "neck" where the statement of Dr. Daniel has not been heard. So the newspaper man present sat up and took notice.

The discussion of the efforts being made to raise funds for the purchase of the new district parsonage in Charleston caused the remark. Dr. Daniel is very much interested in this recent purchase by the Methodists of the Charleston district, and was asked by a member of the board to tell those present about it. This occurred in one of those delightful informal periods punctuating all of Dr. Daniel's meetings with the stewards of his district, when he becomes reminiscent.

He said that when he was quite a young man, having just entered the ministry, he was sent to the old Pendleton charge. At that time Thomas G. Clemson was an old eccentric man, and a sceptic. He had never been known to go to church, but after several visits by Dr. Daniel, he came at once to his church. Dr. Daniel said there seemed to spring up a liking for him by the old man who was quite a talker.

About this time a meeting of the local Agricultural Fair association was held, and Governor Perry was present as a speaker. Attention was thus directed to the subject of agricultural development. Shortly after this Col. Simpson came to see Dr. Daniel, and in conversation informed him that Mr. Clemson was thinking of leaving his possessions to found a mining college. Col. Simpson, being an alumnus of Wofford college, was anxious to get this property for his alma mater. Dr. Daniel said to Col. Simpson:

"It would be foolish for Mr. Clemson to leave his money to found a college on mines or mining, as there is nothing to mine in this State but a few fish bones down on the coast, and if he wants to found a college why doesn't he found an agricultural college?" Col. Simpson, Dr. Daniel said, was very much impressed with the suggestion and stated that he was going right over and suggest it to Mr. Clemson, which he did; Mr. Clemson at once becoming quite enthusiastic.

"This," said Dr. Daniel, "was the birth of Clemson college, which has become such a splendid school. Mr. Tillman and others may not like me to say this, but these are facts."

After the meeting adjourned, Dr. Daniel was asked by the reporter if he had any objection to the use of his remarks relative to the foundation of Clemson college. "None whatever," was the reply. "They are facts, so why should I mind?"

It requires no stretch of the imagination to believe that this was the real birth of the college, to one who knows Dr. Daniel. A close student of conditions and affairs, and with an intensely practical mind, such a suggestion was but a logical sequence. A book, which is now in the hands of the publishers, written by him, shows how very practical he can be. This book, "The Bottom Rail," will create a sensation, it is predicted, when it comes from the press, and perhaps will have as far reaching effects as the suggestion to Mr. Clemson that he leave his money to found an agricultural college.

alty of ten dollars is merely to invite the offense. The man who shoots a revolver at random in the streets is generally regarded as a dangerous person. His punishment is not light. Yet a great motor car, when driven at high speed within the city limits, may be a far more deadly and dangerous thing.